

Claims

I claim:

1. A method of assembling a belt comprising the steps of:

5 disposing a plurality of planar bodies in an endless form;

engaging an endless multi-ribbed tensile member with the planar bodies;

10 inserting a spacing member between a predetermined number of planar bodies but not between all planar bodies;

bending each spacing member to clamp each spacing member to a planar body; and

engaging an endless spacer band adjacent to the endless multi-ribbed tensile member in the planar bodies.

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2. The method as in claim 1 further comprising the steps of of;

20 engaging a second endless multi-ribbed tensile member with the planar bodies on an opposite side of the planar bodies to the endless multi-ribbed tensile member; and

engaging a second endless spacer band in an endless direction and adjacent to the second endless multi-ribbed tensile member.

25 3. The method as in claim 2 further comprising the step of:

inserting a spacing member between each of the remaining planar bodies so that a spacing member is disposed between all adjacent planar bodies; and

30 bending each spacing member to clamp each spacing member to a planar body.